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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action (final rejection) mailed August 7, 2008, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three (3) month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.